

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1164
By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alexander Stephen Edwards, 2006 Valedictorian of Lewis County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Stephen Edwards is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Lewis County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Edwards has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Alexander Stephen Edwards has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; he was selected foremost among his peers as "Mr. Lewis County High School;" was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and the Tennessee Honors Program; was selected as his school's Boys State delegate; and received awards in Geometry, AP English IV, Air Force Science, Intermediate Algebra, Biology I, Algebra I, and Advanced English I; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Edwards is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Student Advisory Council, 4-H, and the Science Club; he was also a cast member in the Senior Play; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, Alexander Stephen Edwards has served with distinction as Student Ambassador, Beta Club Treasurer, and Class President (2002-2004); and

WHEREAS, he is also a gifted athlete who was a valuable member of the varsity football and baseball teams and served as Captain of the football team for 2005; he was named to the All-Region and All-Region Academic teams and received the Panther Pride Award for his excellence both on and off the playing field; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Stephen Edwards has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Freed-Hardeman University, where he plans to pursue a degree in Biology; after earning his bachelor's degree, he hopes to continue his studies in Sports Medicine; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Steve and Mitzi Edwards, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Stephen Edwards's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Alexander Stephen Edwards, 2006 Lewis County High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.